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In re Application of:

Naosato TANIGUCHI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/836,368

Filed: April 18, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: A. Chang

Group Art Unit: 2622

Date: January 21, 2003
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election of Species Requirement, Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time in the above-identified application.

 Additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	103	MINUS	103	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$40 \$84	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$135°/\$280						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ 0.00

 °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ 930.00 to cover the fee for a THREE month extension is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT,
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002 for three months from October 19, 2002 to January 19, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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Response to Election of Species

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, which sets forth an election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution on the merits Species A. Applicants submit that Claims 1-5, 13-25, 27-33, and 35-38 read on the elected species. Multiple dependent Claims 24 and 32 should be read as depending on Claims 1-3, 5, and 13-17.

Applicants further submit that Claims 1 and 29, as amended below, are generic claims that also read on Species B, C, and D. The presently claimed invention relates to a stereoscopic image displaying method or apparatus in which an image displaying device for displaying a parallax image and an optical modulator capable of forming a light transmitting section and a light shielding section are provided. By synthesizing a displayed image with a location of the light transmitting and shielding sections and varying the location thereof, different images are respectively provided on each corresponding eye of an observer.

The figures corresponding to Species A-D identified by the Examiner, i.e., Figs. 1, 12, 20, and 23, each show, as the optical modulator for forming the light transmitting and shielding sections that select light rays from a displaying device, optical modulators that each use light polarizing elements different from the others. The optical modulator shown in each of those figures uses a function of a polarizing plate in which light having only a predetermined polarized direction is transmitted. That is, the modulators shown in each of those figures are directed to variations of specific arrangements of an optical modulator